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THAT no measures having yet been taken by Great-Britain for the evacuation of the Western Posts, (as far as your committee have been able to learn) it becomes expedient, in their opinion, for the United States to pursue such steps as may tend to the security of their frontiers, and facilitate their intercourse with the Indian nations within the same, as well as to promote and protect the navigation of the lakes by their citizens.

That these objects will, in the opinion of your committee, be in a great measure effected, by taking posts on the lakes Erie and Ontario, as near as may be to those now occupied by the troops of his Britannic majesty.

That a competent force for this purpose, should be immediately raised and sent under the command of a discreet and experienced officer; and that such arrangements should take place in the militia of these states, as will best enable them to give support to these measures, if unhappily they should be productive of a rupture between the United States and his Britannic majesty.

Your committee therefore report the following resolutions.

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That 1500 men be raised for three years in the following proportions. New-Hampshire, New-Jersey, North-Carolina, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South-Carolina, Rhode-Island, Delaware, Georgia. Connecticut, Maryland, New-York, Virginia,

That the secretary in the war-office immediately report the necessary arrangements for regimenting and officering them; dividing them into two regiments, with a proper proportion of artillery, not being less than men.

That the states be respectively required to furnish their quota of officers and men, and to forward them to such place as the secretary at war or the officer that may be appointed to command, shall direct.

That they pay of the privates be dollars per month, exclusive of arms, accoutrements and cloathing. That the pay of the noncommission officers be at the same proportion to that of the privates, that it has heretofore done in the army of the United States.

That it be recommended to such of the United States as border upon Canada, to impose a duty of five per cent. ad valorem, at the place where they may be landed, upon all goods imported from thence.

That it be recommended to the citizens and inhabitants of the United States, to build vessels and to navigate the lakes without restraint, the United States engaging to extend to them their support and protection.

That the ministers appointed to negotiate a treaty of commerce with Great-Britain, be instructed, that it is the wish of Congress, that the commercial intercourse to be established between the subjects of his Britannic majesty and these states, be so regulated, as that the United States and his Britannic majesty may be left at liberty to lay such restraints as they may respectively deem expedient, on the commercial intercourse between these states and the inhabitants of Canada.

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On the letters from major North, your committee report, that he be referred to the secretary in the war-office to take order for the cleaning and repairing the arms in the magazines at Springfield and West-Point; and that he draw on the treasury for the necessary expence.

That if the secretary in the war-office should find it expedient to employ the troops at Albany or in its vicinity, or those in Connecticut in this business, that they be subject to his order and direction therein.